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Title : SELECTIVE TREATMENT OF LINEAR ELASTIC

MATERIALS TO PRODUCE LOCALIZED AREAS OF

SUPERELASTICITY

Docket No. : 1001.1689101

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AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR §1.111

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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By JoAnn Lindman

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed December 9, 2005.

This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.